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A. I DONT THINK THE QUESTION ARISES. I DONT THINK THAT

WHAT YOU SEE IS A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE FROM THE NATURE OF THE REGIME WHICH CONTROLLED THE AREA OR THE COUNTRY, RATHER.

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A. YES. I THINK THAT WAS A VARIATION ON THE QUESTION PREVIOUSLY ASKED ME, AND I JUST AM IN NO POSITION TO SPECULATE ON THAT.

Q. YESTERDAY YOU HAD EXPRESSIONS OF CONDOLENCE ON BRUTAL ENDS TO HEADS OF STATE. DO YOU WANT TO BE EVENHANDED AND SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE BRUTAL REMOVAL OF THE HEAD OF SOUTH YEMEN?

A. AS WITH MOST PEOPLE, WE WOULD PREFER THAT CHANGES OF GOVERNMENT AND ALL OTHER PROBLEMS ARE RESOLVED PEACEFULLY RATHER THAN BLOODILY.

Q. CAN YOU GIVE US AN IDLA OF WHAT WAS THE NATURE OF THE AMERICAN CONTACTS WITH THE DEPOSED GOVERNMENT?

A. NO. I JUST WOULD SIMPLY REMIND YOU THAT WE HAD PLANNED, THROUGH THE TWINAM MISSION, TO DISCUSS WITH THE SOUTH YEMEN GOVERNMENT PROBLEMS EXISTING BETWEEN US. WE HAVEN'T HAD DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS SINCE 1969, AND FRANKLY HAVE HAD VERY LITTLE CONTACT OF ANY SORT. SO CLEARLY THERE WAS ENOUGH CONTACT TO SET UP THE

POSSIBILITY OF THIS MEETING.

THE PROBLEMS THAT DO EXIST BETWEEN US INCLUDE DIFFERING PERCEPTIONS OF THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS; THE ROLE OF THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS IN THE REGION; SOUTH YEMEN'S SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM, WHICH I THINK YOU HAD ME SAY BEFORE; REGIONAL COOPERATION IN UNCLASSIFIED

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THERE IS ALSO, I MIGHT ADD, THE OUTSTANDING QUESTION OF COMPENSATION FOR U.S. GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE PROPERTY EXPROPRIATED BY THE SOUTH YEMEN GOVERNMENT. I DO NOT HAVE THE FIGURES.

I DONT HAVE DETAILS ON MUCH MORE THAN THAT. BUT LET ME ADD ONE OTHER THING. WE HOPE THAT THE SITUATION IN SOUTH YEMEN WILL EVOLVE IN A MANNER TO PERMIT A DIALOGUE SUCH AS THE ONE ENVISIONED WITH THE TWINAM MISSION. BUT I DONT HAVE ANY PLANS TO GIVE YOU ABOUT HOW THAT MIGHT BE REACHED.

Q. HAVE YOU GOT ANY CONCERNS ABOUT OIL SHIPMENTS? HAVE THESE EVENTS, THIS UNREST, CAUSED ANY CONCERN ABOUT OIL DELIVERIES, EUROPE'S SUPPLY OF OIL?

A. I DONT THINK THE QUESTION ARISES. I DONT THINK THAT

WHAT YOU SEE IS A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE FROM THE NATURE OF THE REGIME WHICH CONTROLLED THE AREA OR THE COUNTRY, RATHER.

Q. ADEN WAS USED AS A STAGING AREA WHEN MILITARY SUPPLIES WERE GOING INTO ETHIOPIA DURING THE OGADEN EPISODE. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, IS IT STILL BEING USED FOR SUPPLIES TO THE ETHIOPIAN ARMY NOW THAT THE MAIN CONFLICT IS WITH THE ERITREAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT?

A. I REALLY DONT KNOW. I CAN ASK. I'LL TAKE THE QUESTION.

Q. IN YOUR LIST OF OTHER PEOPLE'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE REGION, YOU MENTIONED THE SOVIETS AND THE CUBANS, BUT WEREN'T THE SOUTH YEMENIS THEMSELVES ALSO INVOLVED IN ETHIOPIA?

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A. IN ETHIOPIA. WE SAID THAT THEY HAD ELEMENTS UP THERE.

Q. DO THEY STILL HAVE ELEMENTS THERE, DO YOU KNOW? IT

WAS WHAT, A FEW HUNDRED, OR SOMETHING.

A. I REALLY DONT KNOW. I DONT THINK THE FIGURE HAS  
CHANGED SINCE THE LAST TIME I GAVE YOU A READ-OUT,  
WHENEVER THAT WAS. VANCE

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